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Two of a dwindling number of Geneva workers walk past sign asking help for the U.S. Steel plant,

Workers Ask U.S. Steel Pledge

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Geneva employees are sick

U.S. Steel to modernize Geneva. We've earned it."

Jack Bollow, public relations officer for U.S. Steel, said even

steel workers.

"You have to realize that we don't know at this point if Reagan's plan will work or not,"

whether Geneva will receive more modernization, you have to know what you're dealing with (in terms of relief gained

Steel Import Act Is Ready, 'Just In Case'

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Congress will force President Reagan to impose foreign steel import quotas if his program to seek voluntary reductions doesn't bring needed relief by Jan. 1, said U.S. Rep. Howard Nielson Friday.

"If sufficient progress has not been made by the first of the year, we have the threat of The Fair Trade in Steel Act ready to go," Nielson told members of The Citizen's Coalition to Save Geneva, U.S. Steel, and representatives from Utah's congressional delegation at a Provo meeting.

Congress last week passed legislation to strengthen Reagan's program to cut steel imports through voluntary agreements with high-export nations. It urges the administration to seek a foreign import market share of from 17-20 percent of the U.S. market.

It also requires the steel industry to reinvest "substantially all" of its net cash flow back into steel plants. Another one percent must also be reserved for retraining displaced steelworkers.

Representatives from U.S. Steel's Orem Geneva Works said they were pleased with the bill's passage. However, Coalition members say the industry will still have to "wait and see" how Reagan's plan affects Geneva.

Nielson told the group "I wasn't entirely displeased with Reagan's decision, but he didn't go far enough."

The President's plan didn't have enough teeth in it, said Nielson, so Congress had to put the teeth back in it for him.

Reagan has 90 days to seek voluntary agreements with foreign steel companies.

"The bill gives the President the legal tools to have meaningful negotiations," said Nielson.

